GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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PERFORMANCE OF INDIAN RARE EARTHS LIMITED
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the unit-wise profit of Indian Rare Earths Limited during the last three financial years;

(b) whether there is any proposal pending regarding the expansion and the diversification of Chavara IRE plant;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the welfare measures undertaken by Chavara IRE unit in the mining area during last year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SMALL SCALE INDUSTRIES, AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES, MINISTER O STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL AND TRAINING DEPARTMENT OF PENSIONS AND PENSIONERS WELFA OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF ATOMIC ENERGY AND SPACE (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE)

(a) The unit wise profit/loss of Indian Rare Earths Limited (IREL), a public sector undertaking of the Department of Atomic Energy with its head office in Mumbai and units at Chavara, Manavalakurichi, Alwaye and the Orissa Sands Complex (OSCOM) for the last three years, are given below:

(RS IN LAKH)

UNIT	PROFIT BEFORE TAX		
	2000-2001	1999-2000	1998-1999
Chavara (Kerala)	2701	3969	3517
Manavalakurichi (Tamilnadu)	1442	32	401
Rare Earths Division, Alwaye (Kerala)	20	(842)	(707)
Orissa Sands Complex (OSCOM) (Orissa)	536	(951)	(2242)
H.O. (Mumbai) Exp.	105	140	(33)
Total	4804	2348	936

• Figures in brackets indicate losses

(b) & (c) IREL has proposals to expand production capacity of its Chavara Plant during the X Plan in two phases. In the first phase the

production capacity is proposed to be increased from the present level of 1,54,000 tonne per annum to 2,00,000 tonnes per annum of ilmenite and other associated minerals, at an estimated cost of Rs.46 crore, to be completed by March 2004. In thesecond phase the capacity is proposed to be further enhanced to 2,75,000 tonnes per annum of ilmenite and other associated minerals at an estimated cost of Rs.40 crore, to be completed by March 2007.

(d) The following welfare measures were undertaken by IREL`s Chavara Unit in the mining area during the last year:

1. Repair of Panickerkadavu Bridge

2. Repairs and Construction of road to resettlement colony/mining area

3. Electric connection to resettlement area

4. Water supply to resettlement colony

5. Drainage facility at resettlement colony and other public health works in the mining area
6. Repairs to residential buildings in the resettlement colony

7 Cost of chairs, books etc. to schools in the mining areas

8. Eye camp at mining area

9. Contribution to the Mining Area Welfare Board